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SUBJECT: STAFFING OF SAN FRANCISCO AND LENINGRAD CONSULATES

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1. ACCORDING TO AIDE MEMOIRE HANDED TO SOVIET COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY ISAKOV ON JANUARY 10, 1972, QUOTE NUMBER OF CONSULAR OFFICERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE-TECHNICAL MEMBERS OF STAFF (EXCLUDING WORKING WIVES) POSTED TO OUR RESPECTIVE CONSULATES GENERAL SHOULD BE KEPT IN BALANCE, WITH ONE NOT SIGNIFICANTLY IN EXCESS OF THE OTHER UNQUOTE, AND SERVICE STAFF OF THE SOVIET CONGEN WOULD BE PERMITTED QUOTE IN NUMBERS NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY PERCENT OF THE COMBINED TOTAL (EXCLUDING WORKING WIVES) OF CONSULAR OFFICERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE-TECHNICAL MEMBERS OF THE SOVIET CONGEN. UNQUOTE. THIS IS BASIS FOR TARGET 1.5 TO 1 RATIO OF SOVIET CONGEN PERMANENT STAFF TO CONGEN LENINGRAD PERMANENT STAFF.

2. ACCORDING TO DEPARTMENT RECORDS, CONGEN LENINGRAD HAS 22 RESIDENT AMERICAN OFFICERS AND STAFF PLUS TWO

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AMERICAN TEACHERS. SOVIET CONGEN SAN FRANCISCO PRESENTLY

HAS 34 OFFICERS AND STAFF AND OUTSTANDING REQUEST FOR ONE ADDITIONAL OFFICER (REFS A AND B).

3. IF AMERICAN TEACHERS ARE TO BE CONSIDERED AS

SERVICE STAFF ALONG WITH GOVERNESSES, THEN SOVIET CONGEN PERMANENT STAFF IS ALREADY OUT OF BALANCE (34 TO 22). HOWEVER, IF AMERICAN TEACHERS ARE TO BE CONSIDERED AS PART OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE-TECHNICAL STAFF, PERMISSIBLE TOTAL NUMBER OF SOVIET CONGEN PERMANENT STAFF WOULD BE 36.

4. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE CONGEN AND EMBASSY COMMENTS ON WHETHER AMERICAN TEACHERS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN ADMINISTRATIVE OR SERVICE STAFF. KISSINGER

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